

EVERY UNION MEMBER WILL JOIN THE STRIKE

Philadelphia Meeting of Union Labor Decides For a General Strike of all Workmen in the City to Take Effect on Next Saturday.

RIOTING ALL DAY ON THE SABBATH

Efforts Will be Made During This Week to Get the Street Car Company to Agree to Arbitration Before General Strike Goes Into Effect.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 28.—Union labor in this city voted last night to back up the striking motormen and conductors in their fight against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The decision of the union leaders followed a day of almost continuous rioting, in which a man and boy were killed and sixty persons were hurt.

The order for a general sympathetic strike was determined on as the only means to force the Rapid Transit company to arbitrate with its men.

The action of the Central Labor Union puts it up to the individual unions to vote whether they want to strike.

Today efforts will be renewed to persuade the Rapid Transit Company to modify its attitude and to agree, at least, to arbitrate all differences that may properly arise between employer and employee.

It became known last night that the Rapid Transit Company nearly agreed to the plan the clergymen proposed on Friday last for a board of arbitration.

Whereas, The citizens of Philadelphia, through their representatives in council, have entered into a partnership with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by the terms of which the city has an important interest in the financial management of the company; and

Reyburn, mayor of the city, and Messrs. Earle and Carpenter; and Whereas, Differences having arisen between the Rapid Transit Company and its employes by reason of which the city's interests have been materially interfered with, the business interests of the city have materially suffered and the conveniences of the citizens severely curtailed; and

Resolved, That a vote on a general strike be taken today and that action be postponed until Saturday, March 5, and meanwhile a copy of these resolutions be presented to the councils of the city of Philadelphia, and that said councils be requested to direct John E. Reyburn and Messrs. Earle and Carpenter, representing the city of Philadelphia on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, to immediately take steps to effect arbitration of the differences now existing between the Rapid Transit Company and its employes.

The vote on the general strike proposition was unanimous, according to Charles A. Hope secretary of the Central Labor Union. There is no doubt that the labor leaders believe they will succeed in calling out the majority of the union men of the city and that by doing so they will embarrass business enough to force the Philadelphia Rapid Transit to come to an agreement with its men.

Representatives from the Central Labor Union are today preparing the demand they will make Thursday upon the city council for a thorough arbitration of the street car strike. If the council refuses to accept, the union men have settled upon Saturday, March 5, as the day for calling the general strike. At least 90,000 will answer the call.

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EVIL COMPANIONS MADE DOG WICKED

Life Saving Mongrel Had to be Shot For Joining in With the Strikers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—"Boomer," for 20 months a self-appointed guardian of the Northern Pacific railway crossing at Sprague in the avenue and Division street, in the eastern part of Spokane, where the animal saved the lives of scores of adults and little children, is dead.

The noble animal was executed by the poundmaster after biting a street car conductor. The dog, a tramp of mongrel origin, gained national renown a year ago when it saved a woman, carrying a babe and leading a child, from death under the wheels of a locomotive by tugging at her skirts and dragging her out of harm's way.

Whereas, The city of Philadelphia is represented upon the board of directors of the said company by John E.

AS HARMLESS AS DOG'S TAIL

Halley's Comet Tail Will Not Hurt Anyone When It Wraps Itself Around The Earth.

IT HAS DONE IT BEFORE

Makes Regular Visits Every 76 Years and There Have Never Been Any Harmful Effects.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—Forecasts by so-called scientists in various parts of the country that the gases in the tail of Halley's comet will present a high pressure hot air currents."

Father Adams, S. J., professor of astronomy at Gonzaga College of Spokane, made the foregoing observation in referring to statements attributed to observers in California and elsewhere.

"Halley's comet has been sizzling around its ordained orbit century after century, just as its creator designed it to do," said Father Adams, adding: "Were there any devastating elements in the appendage of the visitor humanity would have been exterminated regularly every 76 years."

"It seems that such incidents in earthly affairs would naturally attract some attention. They might even have a slight tendency to affect the increase of population and check the progress of human events generally. Very little suspicion along this line is sufficient antidote for sensational predictions as to Halley's comet, even though they are made by alleged scientists."

Father Adam claims he has definitely located the comet, having seen it through a telescope the night of February 22, saying:

"The moon is so bright just now that it is difficult to catch the light from anything else, but the comet shined fairly well. There were little streaks out from the edges that I judge to be evidences of the tail. The comet may be visible to the naked eye early in March at the speed it is traveling, but not sooner. To locate it, take the line formed by the two lower stars of the constellation Orion and follow it north to a point just above the planet Saturn. On that line above and slightly west of Saturn the comet should be found, but not without at least four inch glasses."

SAD CONDITION OF CAPT. BERG

Hero of the Slocum Disaster is Starving and Dying of Consumption Out West.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 28.—Threatened with starvation and in a pitiable plight from the ravages of tuberculosis, two women and a man and a five year old boy are fighting death today in a squalid hut here. The man is Captain Samuel Berg, hero of the Slocum disaster, who has saved more than 100 lives since he was 13 years old. Although his wife, child and himself were in a terrible plight, Berg has undertaken to care for another invalid, a poor woman who came to his door begging for food.

MANAGUA THREATENED BY CHAMORRO

Recent Battle on the Lake Was a Great Victory for the Provisional Forces.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—General Chamorro of the Nicaraguan provisional army is threatening Managua today, according to a cable received here. The message today fully confirms the details of the battle on Lake Nicaragua, in which General Romero of the Madriz army was killed and 200 government soldiers captured. General Mena also reported to Estrada that he had captured most of the arms, stores and money, being carried by the Madriz forces.

Keokuk People Arrested. DES MOINES, Feb. 28.—Following the discovery of a letter to Miss Effie Jacques, late of Keokuk, from Mrs. Jesse Jobe of the same place, now in Des Moines, Mrs. Jobe and Oscar Bishop were arrested for lewdness today. They had written to the girl to come to Des Moines. The letter aroused the suspicion of the police, when they took charge of the girl at the depot. Bishop is from Keokuk and Mrs. Jobe's husband is supposed to be there yet.

HUNDRED KILLED BY AVALANCHE

Landslide on Mountain in Idaho Buried 50 Section Men and the 25 Houses in Town of Mace.

DIGGING FRANTICALLY

Earth Came Down With Roar Which Was Heard Five Miles Away and Buried 75 Residents and Others.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 28.—Hundreds of men are digging frantically today to recover the victims of an avalanche which buried many houses last night at Mace near here, a small hamlet.

Three bodies have been taken out and others are in sight. The work of digging is fraught with great peril. Three box cars containing a section gang of the Northern Pacific were buried in the slide.

Mace is a small town and the houses were built at the bottom of a high mountain. A large section of the earth on top of the mountain became dislodged and swept downward with a roar that could be heard in this city, five miles distant.

Twenty-five families comprising 75 individuals, were caught in the slide in addition to the 50 section men on the work train. Twelve bodies have been recovered and it is now estimated that between 100 and 150 persons were killed by the avalanche.

Twenty-five persons seriously injured were brought to Wallace today and taken to hospitals.

Five hundred men are working in an effort to rescue the others. The snow slide occurred on the 25th anniversary of the famous Burke snowslide, which buried sixty persons in another small mining town in the same county.

The wind and warm rain of yesterday loosened the snow on the mountainside. The identified dead:

MRS. GEORGE S. FARWELL. MRS. FENNELL. MRS. HARRY HOOPER. EDWARD KITTRILL. HIS WIFE AND TWO BABIES. A. J. LAIRD AND WIFE. DICK ROYAL. EDGAR PASTOE. INEZ PASTOE.

Superintendent Pastoe and his wife are missing and believed to be dead.

PERHAPS TAFT WILL GO ON STAND

Rumor That He will Appear in Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy and Testify.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Shall private utterances of the president on the subject of conservation be divulged to the committee investigating the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy?

This question came up Saturday, when Ballinger's counsel objected to the introduction by Pinchot of the subject of the conversation he held with the president on April 20. The suspicion is growing that Pinchot purposely brought the question to an issue.

There was a rumor current today that perhaps President Taft would solve the dilemma himself by asking to be heard before the committee.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ARRIVES AT NAPLES

Delayed One Day on Account of the High Seas Encountered During the Voyage.

NAPLES, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Ethel, who are on their way to meet the former president at Khartoum, arrived on the steamship Hamburg, which sailed from New York February 15. The Hamburg was delayed a day by stormy weather, very high seas being encountered throughout the voyage. All on board, however, are well.

Belgium Floods. BRUSSELS, Feb. 28.—Most of the rivers in Belgium have overflowed their banks as a result of the continued rains. Conditions are at their worst in the Meuse valley and whole tracts of flat country are under water. The damage is heavy. Last night the waters were subsiding, the weather having improved.

Dr. Cook Leaves Chili. ANDES, Chili, Feb. 28.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook and his wife left here Sunday for the Argentine Republic. Their exact destination is not known.

CHANGED TRAMP INTO MILLIONAIRE

Apprentive Ranch Owner Reward Who Saved His Little Girl From an Awful Death.

GIVEN RANCH INTEREST

Illinois Man Who Took to Drink After the Death of His Wife is Now on Prosperity's Path.

GALVESTON, Feb. 28.—The filing of documents for record transferring a half interest in the big Valvedere ranch, in Jeff Davis county, from Sam Jennings, the cattle king, to Francis R. Strome brings to light an interesting incident in which Strome, who is a stranger in this section, was the hero and little May Jennings, the 6-year-old daughter of Colonel Jennings, was the heroine. She was saved from death beneath an engine, and Strome is the man who rescued the child from the railroad tracks, and a reward for his bravery he is given a half interest in a property said to be worth anywhere from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000.

Strome is about 50 years old, a machinist by trade, and for many years a resident of a small town in Illinois. He met with reverse, and, after the death of his wife, took to drink and had been leading a shiftless life for several years. He was beating his way westward trying to make California and was hanging around Alpine trying to catch a train when the accident happened that brought him fortune. The girl was crossing the railroad track just as a train approached. The child became bewildered and would have been killed had Strome not jumped on the track and snatched her clear of the rail just in time.

He disappeared shortly after, but the father of the girl had him located about five miles away and brought him back to the ranch and kept him at the place for several days, learning something of his history before he told him what he was going to do for him. Strome, who has traveled extensively, was at first reluctant to accept the gift and agree to settle down and care for his interest in the property.

On the Valvedere ranch are about 25,000 head of cattle. The Jennings estate, which includes several tracts of immense acreage throughout west Texas, besides large herds of cattle in different sections, is said to be worth several millions.

NEW PHASES OF EDUCATION COMING

The N. E. A. Annual Convention Will Start Business Tomorrow at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 28.—The national educational association which opens its annual session here tomorrow will be attended by many of the leading educators of the United States. New phases of education, matters and which are of far reaching importance in every community will be taken up at the convention. S. B. Brooks, superintendent of schools at Boston, will open the session.

CROOKEDNESS WILL CAUSE LAWSUIT

Stakeholder in Jeffries-Johnson Fight Says the Battle Must be on the Square.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Big Tim Sullivan, stake holder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, who already has \$50,000 fight money in his possession and who will have a total of \$121,000 when the fighters enter the ring, declares that if there is anything crooked in the big battle the fighters will have to come to a New York court to get the money away from him.

The Sugar Case. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the supreme court of the United States today the government presented a motion to set aside the writ granted Friday by Justice Lurton to bring before the highest court the case of Charles R. Heike, the sugar trust employee convicted of alleged customs fraud. After a bitter wrangle between attorneys, the court postponed his decision for one week.

Union Labor Revival. DES MOINES, Feb. 28.—The Iowa Federation of Labor has decided to hold a union labor revival in every town in Iowa from March 29 to April 9. Two union labor leaders will speak at each meeting.

VAUGHN POISON CASE BECOMES INTERESTING

Dr. Hull in Kirksville This Morning to Face the Charge of Murder in the First Degree and Still Proclaims That he is Innocent!

WIDOW GOES SOUTH FOR WINTER

Mrs. Vaughn Has Gone to Texas to Recuperate While the Investigation of Husband's Death Continues—Dr. Hull's Photograph.

PARIS, Mo., Feb. 28.—Dr. James R. Hull left Monroe City at 4:18 o'clock Sunday afternoon to plead to the charge of murder in the first degree lodged against him by the grand jury at Kirksville Friday afternoon. Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn, indicted on a similar charge and released on a \$25,000 bond, left a few hours later for Mineral Wells, Texas, to rest and recuperate. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Proctor, her aged parents, accompanied her.

Dr. Hull expressed himself as confident that Mrs. Vaughn was entirely innocent of the death of her husband. Prof. J. T. Vaughn, and remarked that his only anxiety for himself was for a speedy trial in order that he might dispel the cloud now resting upon his character.

"I would not again pass through what I have experienced during the last three months for a million dollars," he said. "I have not only been misrepresented in rumors and gossip, but have been miserably treated by the newspaper illustration departments. Look at this picture, then look at me," he exclaimed, as he produced a newspaper picture to which his name was attached. "Is a single feature of it true to life?"

"It looks more like Dr. Hyde," laughed an acquaintance.

"I see right now that I might as well get some pictures for these papers," Dr. Hull continued. "I have a good one here in my grip that will be given out at Kirksville tomorrow. Then the public can see that I am not as villainous-looking a man as I have been pictured. I also have a statement that will be given out after court adjourns. I began work on it when these rumors first began to circulate three months ago. I have only one thing to say for publication, and that is that I am an innocent and persecuted man."

Asked for a sight of the photograph, the doctor fumbled through the contents of his grip and finally remarked that he had left it at home. He was in custody of Sheriff Barnes of Adair county, Sheriff Nolen of Monroe county, by special request, joined the party at Paris and went to Kirksville. Messrs. Sullivan and Spiker, who signed Dr. Hull's \$7,500 bond Friday morning, went along to qualify for a similar service, provided the amount is not placed at a figure beyond their ability.

Now that indictments have been found and the case put upon a definite basis, attorneys and friends of Mrs. Vaughn are busy analyzing the evidence alleged to have been produced before the Kirksville grand jury. The report that the Kirk family was first made suspicious by the rendition of a wedding march by the young widow while a guest in their home a week after her husband's death, is receiving no serious consideration as evidence tending to prove a poison plot. Attorneys generally are of the opinion that the copies of letters alleged to have passed between Mrs. Vaughn and Dr. Hull would never be admitted to the record by any circuit judge. While denying that any letters really were exchanged between the two, Mrs. Vaughn's attorneys and friends give no serious thought to the ones placed before the grand jury, because, according to what are considered reliable reports, they are merely copies made from memory by two young women who claim to have read the originals while Mrs. Vaughn was temporarily absent from the room. If anything in the letter line is offered as evidence, the young widow's attorneys it is understood, will demand that the originals, not copies made from memories that might be faulty, be produced. Should such copies be used as evidence where a life was at stake, it is pointed out, it would establish a precedent that would put the life or character of any citizen at the mercy of an unscrupulous enemy.

The rumors that Mrs. Vaughn had written Dr. Hull that the medicine worked to perfection and that he wrote back congratulating her on the absence of suspicion were current in Paris as well as at other points two months ago, as were the alleged affectionate expressions in letters Kirksville parties. It was said, had surreptitiously read, but they were repudiated along by Mrs. Vaughn's friends and attorneys. The latter assert that the state's case must be as weak as they have all along claimed it to be if it is relying upon such evidence to secure a conviction. Parties close to Dr. Hull intimated that he had received assurances that he would be required to give more than \$10,000 bond when arraigned today.

PREDICT TROUBLE WITH THE RIVERS

Weather Bureau Issues a Warning That the Ohio May Go on a Rampage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The following bulletin was issued by the weather bureau: "During the present week weather conditions will be favorable for a decided rise in the Ohio river and tributaries, and also in rivers and streams that have their source in the mountain districts of the north Atlantic states. These regions are covered with an unusual depth of snow, the melting of which by high temperatures that will prevail throughout the week will cause freshets in the smaller streams and produce in the rivers rises that are likely to approach or pass flood stages."

SANG IN CHOIR FOR 61 YEARS

Old Singer Was Buried this Morning in the Vestments He Wore in Church.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.—John Hite Morton Morris was buried in Cave Hill cemetery this morning shrouded in the vestments he wore during his sixty-one years of continuous service in the choir of Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal). He was the oldest Anglican choir-master in America, and was 78 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the noted Morris family of Philadelphia.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Rain tonight or Tuesday. Warmer tonight. Colder Tuesday afternoon.

For Illinois: Increasing cloudiness with showers late tonight or Tuesday. Rising temperature.

For Iowa: Rain tonight or Tuesday. Warmer tonight. Colder Tuesday afternoon.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight and east portion Tuesday. Colder west portion Tuesday afternoon.

The pressure is relatively high from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast, and on the Pacific slope, while an area of very low pressure is central in Montana.

There have been rains from the Gulf to the lakes, and in the Atlantic states, and it is warmer over that region and also in the Mountain region, while a moderate cold wave has passed over the upper Mississippi valley. Conditions indicate unsettled and warmer weather for this section tonight and rains late tonight or Tuesday for this section, becoming colder by Tuesday night.

Local Observations.

Feb. 27 p.m. ... 30.13 27 NE Clear 28 7 a.m. ... 30.08 24 E Clear

Mean temperature 26. Maximum temperature 34. Minimum temperature 17.

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